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CONSULTATION SERVICE Canadian schools of social work have been notified by the Council that service will be extended to them on the same basis as is being provided schools in the United States under the National Institute of Mental Health grant. The costs of consultation to Canadian schools will be met from the operating budget of the Council.

ITTLESON FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANT FOR RESEARCH A grant of \$7500 has been made by the Ittleson Family Foundation to the Council to enable the Research Commission to initiate its study of the problems in social work education which require research. The Commission has invited a number of practitioners and educators to a three day meeting during the Annual Program Meeting of the Council in Chicago to explore problem areas in the social work curriculum as the first step in developing a research plan for social work education. The Foundation has a special interest in the field of mental health and believes this project will not only help to strengthen the psychiatric curriculum but will help bring special knowledge from the psychiatric field that is needed by all social workers if they are to function effectively.

ANNUAL PROGRAM MEETING 1955 Plans for the Annual Program Meeting to be held in Chicago, January 26 - 29, 1955, are moving ahead rapidly. A supplement to this edition of Social Work Education with the preliminary program will be off the press late in October and available for general distribution.

APPOINTMENTS:

BOSTON UNIVERSITY Mrs. Katherine B. Oettinger has been appointed Dean of the School of Social Work at Boston University. She succeeds Dean Richard Conant who has retired. Mrs. Oettinger is a graduate of Smith College. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and AAPSW. She has been director since 1950 of the Division of Community Services of the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare.

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY Miss Anna King, formerly director of the School of Social Work at Fordham and more recently on an assignment to Italy, has returned to the Fordham faculty. She will teach courses in International Social Work.

MISSOURI UNIVERSITY Mr. Arthur W. Nebel has succeeded Mark Hale as Chairman of the Department of Social Work at the University of Missouri. Mr. Nebel was formerly director of the State Crippled Children's Service in Missouri.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY Mr. Everett C. Shimp has been appointed Acting Director of the School of Social Administration, Ohio State University. Mr. Shimp is also Professor of Social Administration.

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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation has issued bulletins outlining the conditions under which accredited schools of social work may obtain teaching grants and student stipends. The far-sighted program in this field as it is currently being developed by O.V.R. should do for the field of rehabilitation what the National Institute of Mental Health grants have done in providing staff, knowledge and improved methods for the field of mental health. The Council expects to continue to work closely with O.V.R. and with interested schools of social work to meet the challenge which this expanded program offers.

NATIONAL ROSTER OF INTERVIEWERS The National Roster of Interviewers, recommended by the Committee on Admissions to the Board of the Council and approved at its May 9th meeting, will begin to operate this fall. The purpose of the Roster is to make available to graduate schools of social work a list of persons with skill in interviewing and personality assessment of candidates for social work education. Any person on the roster may be requested by a school to conduct a pre-admissions interview with an applicant to that school. The interview is designed to gain a better understanding of the applicant and to provide him with the opportunity to discuss his educational plans and professional objectives.

It is expected that schools will continue to use their own admissions interviewers. The National Roster is intended to serve as an additional source to be used as desired especially for interviewing candidates located at a distance from the school.

Persons serving on the Roster are those who have had the opportunity to participate in one of the four workshops on Candidate Interviewing and Personality Assessment conducted by the New York Pilot Study, - two for selected graduates of the New York School, one for admissions personnel from 35 schools of social work, and a recent one for representatives from Federal and State Child Welfare and Public Assistance programs. The Roster includes the names of over 100 persons in all parts of the United States and Canada who are enthusiastic about the plan as a means of improving selection of applicants for schools of social work and who have accepted the invitation of the Council to serve on the National Roster.

OPPORTUNITY IN NEW YORK CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM The Superintendent of Schools of New York City is considering applications for the position of Director of the Bureau of Child Guidance. Current salary \$15,600 per annum. Deadline date November 1, 1954.

Application forms may be obtained from:

Dr. Edmund J. Gannon
Associate Superintendent in charge of Personnel
New York City Board of Education
110 Livingston Street, Room 510
Brooklyn 1, New York

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS There are opportunities for social workers to secure Fulbright Scholarships for 1955-56. Applications must be made not later than November 1, 1954. Full details together with forms may be secured from the Institute of International Education, 1 East 67th Street, New York City.

OPPORTUNITY IN QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA The Council has been asked to locate someone qualified to help develop a school of social studies at the University of Queensland, Australia. At the start a three year program with a Diploma is planned to be followed by a four year course leading to a B.A. degree. Ultimately, a separate school is to be established. Anyone interested may write the Council or to Professor Fred. J. Schonell, University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia.

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NEW QUARTERS FOR BUFFALO SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK The University of Buffalo School of Social Work will transfer to the University Campus about January 1, 1955. Work is going forward on a self-contained suite of offices in McDonald Hall, one of the newer buildings on the campus. The School offices will be adjacent to the Student Union, the Dining Halls, and the Residence Halls. The School's Library will be housed in the Lockwood Library Building. The 27,000 volume library of the new Medical-Dental Building will also be available to social work students.

CONFERENCE ON CITIZENSHIP Miss Lucille Bruner, Executive Secretary of the Travelers Aid Society of Washington, D. C., and a member of the Council, and Miss Evelyn Weller, Senior Consultant, Bureau of Public Assistance, and a member of the Council, were Council delegates to the Eighth National Conference on Citizenship held in Washington, D. C., on September 17 - 19, 1954.

RECREATION CONGRESS Mr. Howard Hollenbeck, Secretary, Group Work Division, Social Planning Council of St. Louis and Professor Richard Clyde Minor, Head of the Department of Sociology of Lincoln University, represented the Council on Social Work Education at the National Recreation Congress held in St. Louis the week of September 27, 1954.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH MEETING The 4th National Conference of the National Association for Mental Health will be held at the Hotel Statler in New York City, October 23 - 25, 1954. Full details may be obtained by writing to the National Headquarters at 1790 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y.

SOCIAL HYGIENE CONFERENCE The American Social Hygiene Association has announced a National Conference on Education for Personal and Family Living to be held at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City on December 16 & 17, 1954. Full details may be had by writing the national office at 1790 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y.

RESEARCH GRANTS The Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, announces December 15, 1954 as the closing date for filing applications for training grants under the National Mental Health Act for the academic year 1955-56.

Applications will also be received for the support of projects directed toward the development and evaluation of current and new teaching and training methods in psychiatry, clinical psychology, psychiatric social work, and psychiatric nursing. These projects may be devised for the purpose of assessing or evaluating the effectiveness of current training, or may propose an exploration of new methods of teaching intended to improve the quality of instruction in these fields. Preference will be given to those projects which contain evaluation procedures intended to assess the usefulness and effectiveness of the methods under study.

Application forms and additional information may be obtained from the Training and Standards Branch, National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda 14, Maryland.

BOOKS FOR PHILIPPINES The Council on Social Work Education has participated in the Philippine Curriculum Project at the invitation of Mr. Paul R. Hanna, Professor of Education at Stanford University. The Council has supplied without cost twelve copies of each of its major publications which will be placed in twelve appropriate Philippine teachers' college libraries.

ABOUT THE COUNCIL The July 1954 issue of Shifting Scenes, a publication of the National Travelers Aid Association, carries an excellent column "Professionally Speaking" by Laurin Hyde on the mutual interest of the Travelers Aid and the Council on Social Work Education in increasing the supply and improving the quality of social workers.

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Mr. John H. Moore, Executive Director of United Community Defense Services, Inc., in commenting on former President Wright's Letter from the President, May 1954, wrote as follows:

I should like to be numbered among the many others congratulating you on the outstanding leadership you have given the Council in its beginning years. As one of those who had a small part in the creation of the Council, I am frank to say that I would not have believed at the time the decision was reached to organize it that it could have begun to make the amazing progress that it has to date. All credit to you and the excellent staff!

NEW PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED Committee Common Sense by Audrey R. and Harleigh B. Trecker, Whiteside, Inc., New York, \$2.50.
Guide to Community Action by Mark S. Mathews, Harper & Brothers, New York, \$4.00.

Your Stake in Social Security by Arthur J. Altmeyer, Public Affairs Pamphlet #206, New York, 25¢.

Social Work Practice in the Medical and Psychiatric Setting, Institute Proceedings, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, Pa., (Price unknown)

Social Workers, Public Health Service Pamphlet #351, National Institute of Mental Health. A pamphlet on the social worker's role in mental health. Available from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 10¢.

Medical Social Services for Hospitalized Children, Children's Bureau (mimeo), U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D. C., (Free).

California Children in Detention and Shelter Care, California Committee on Temporary Child Care. Copies may be had without cost from the Youth Authority, Sacramento, Cal.

Common Service Resources in a Free Society: Attempt at a Frame of Reference, by Hertha Kraus, Graduate Department of Social Economy and Social Research, Bryn Mawr College. Association for the Study of Community Organization, One Park Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. To members 35¢, to non-members 50¢.

Highlights of the 1954 National Health Forum conducted by National Health Council on Changing Factors in Staffing America's Health Services. National Health Council, 1790 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y., 75¢.

Directory of Member Organizations of National Health Council, National Health Council, 1790 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y., 50¢.

NEW COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS Publications of the Council on Social Work Education, a description and price list of current Council publications. Free on request.

List of Graduate Professional Schools of Social Work (New edition published each January and July). Free on request.

List of Undergraduate Departments of Colleges and Universities Offering Courses with Social Welfare Content, which are members of the Council (New edition published each January and July). Free on request.

Social Work Fellowships and Scholarships in the United States and Canada. New edition November 1954 covering the academic year 1955-56, 10¢.

Teaching Materials: Teaching records in case work, group work and community organization. List and prices on request.

NEW FILM The Mississippi Department of Public Welfare has produced (in cooperation with the Children's Bureau) a 40-minute black and white film (35 mm. and 16 mm.) on child welfare, entitled Hard Brought Up (the theme is juvenile delinquency). Detailed information available from the Department, Jackson 5, Mississippi.

RECRUITMENT NEWS FROM CLEVELAND The Cleveland Foundation has made a grant of \$35,000 to the Cleveland Welfare Federation to finance a three year recruitment project.



